



**2026 Fishing Bay Yacht Club  
Junior Regatta  
Commonwealth Cup  
Notice of Race**

Saturday & Sunday, June 20 & 21, 2026

**1. DESCRIPTION**

**1.1.** The Fishing Bay Yacht Club Annual Junior Regatta will consist of two days of racing with approximately three to five races per day. There will be three separate courses: 1) ILCAs, and 420s; 2) Optimist Red/Blue/White and; 3) Optimist Green. Optimist will be divided into Red, Blue, White, and Green fleets, as defined by USODA. In addition to the separate course, the Opti Green fleet will also receive coaching. Register [here](#).

**2. RULES**

**2.1.** The organizing authority is Fishing Bay Yacht Club and US Sailing. Races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-28*, except as changed by the sailing instructions.

**1.1.** All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch), which shall remain attached to the support person who is operating the vessel at all times while the engine is running.

**2. COMMUNICATION**

**1.1.** The official notice board will be located at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/31157#\\_docs](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/31157#_docs)

**1.2.** All support vessels shall carry a VHF capable of communicating on channels 16 to 72.

**2.1.** Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

**2.2.** The Race Committee may make VHF radio broadcasts regarding RC intentions, courses to be sailed, starting sequences, updates, etc. These broadcasts are as a courtesy only and in no way relieve the competitors of their responsibility to monitor and respond to Race Signals. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of the broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

**3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

**3.1.** This event is open to any Junior Sailor with an Optimist who completes an entry form and who will not reach his/her 16th birthday before December 31, 2026 and ILCA 6 and 4, or C420 who completes an entry form and who will not reach his/her 19th birthday before December 31, 2026.

**1.1.** Competitors are required to be members in good standing of US Sailing.

**1.3. FEES:** 420's \$120. All other classes \$60 . \$5 discount for CBYRA members. There will be \$25 late fee for payments after June 11.

## **5. SCHEDULE**

**5.1. Registration:** Competitors should register online no later than 9 am of June 20.

### **1.1. Maximum Races Scheduled: 8**

#### **Saturday, June 20:**

0800 - Late Registration, Check-in, Competitors Updates will be provided on notice board.

1000 - Skippers meeting.

1130 - First Warning Signal, Followed races.

#### **Sunday, June 22:**

1030 - First Warning Signal, Followed by races. No race shall be started after 1430.

## **2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1.1.** Sailing instructions will be available in advance on Regatta Network, FBYC website and posted on the notice board.

## **2. VENUE**

**2.1.** The racing area(s) will be in the Fishing Bay area and the mouth of the Piankatank River. See Appendix A: Racing Area

## **3. SCORING**

**1.1.1** race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

**1.2.** When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **2. PRIZES**

**2.1.** Prizes will include separate awards for Optimist White, Blue and Red Fleets (as defined by USODA), as well as overall for Optimist ,C420 and ILCA 4 and 6 assuming 5 or more participants. Participation awards will be presented to each Optimist Green fleet participant individually. The Green Fleet is open to any novice Optimist sailor.

## **3. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**1.1.** Competitors participate in any race or regatta entirely at their own risk as instructed in RRS, Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **2. Insurance**

**1.1.** Each participating boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third party insurance, and it is the owner's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure insurance is in place and adequate prior to participating in this event.

## **2. CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS**

**1.1.** The Skipper/Owner of each boat shall be responsible for all actions of his/her crew and guests.

